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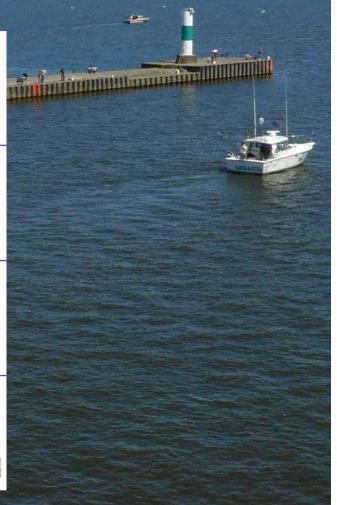
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Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

What is a BookletChart[™]?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov.

This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

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This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Merrimack River is the largest river in the eastern part of Massachusetts. It is the approach to the cities of Newburyport and Haverhill, and to the towns of Amesbury, Merrimacport, Groveland, and Bradford. The river is used by vessels of 6-foot draft at high water up to Haverhill and about 12-foot draft at high water to Newburyport. The head of navigation is at the dam just above Broadway Bridge in Lawrence, 25.7 miles above the

mouth. The river is seldom entered for refuge and has virtually no commercial traffic.

Small craft may enter when the sea is smooth and on a rising tide, following the buoys. The river cannot be entered during a heavy sea. The outer ends of the jetties are awash at high water.

In 1979, the Coast Guard provided the following information to assist the mariner in crossing the bar when outbound from the Merrimack River

The bar area between the beach and Bell Buoy 2, both north and south of each jetty, is subject to breaking seas, particularly on an ebb tide with easterly winds. The ebb tide runs out of Merrimack River from 3 to 6 knots. Boats should proceed slowly out the channel, evaluating the bar well inside of the two breakwaters. If decision is made to cross, proceed all the way out beyond the breakers and do not attempt to turn around if the bar is breaking.

The area southward of the outer 240 yards of the submerged north jetty and the channel is a shoaling sand bar subject to constant change in depth. This area and a portion of the channel just south are extremely hazardous. Avoid crossing the sunken jetty or sandbar, and use caution in the channel to the south of it.

Ocean swells meeting an outgoing tide in the river mouth result in breaking seas. The most dangerous period is from about 1 hour before low water and 1 hour after low water. Even on the calmest days the tidal conditions may be such that small boats will be endangered at this period. Boatmen should learn the stages of the tide when local conditions are the most favorable for bar crossing.

Due to the sandy nature of the river bottom, one can expect unannounced changes in the bar shoals depending upon prevailing winds and currents. These changing bars and shallow areas may not be marked on the charts.

Channels.—Merrimack River is entered through a Federal project that provides for a channel 15 feet deep through the bar between two jetties at the entrance, thence 9 feet deep in the marked channel to the highway bridge at Newburyport, about 3 miles above the jetties. (See Notice to Mariners and latest editions of the chart for controlling depths.) From Newburyport to Deer Island, in 2004-2006, controlling depth was 7 feet, thence 1.2 feet (2.3 feet at midchannel) to Haverhill. In 1978, numerous obstructions and shoaling were reported in the channel between the bridge at Groveland and Haverhill. In 1986, a submerged obstruction was reported in the center of the channel near Merrimack River Buoy 53 in about 42°48'44"N., 71°00'03"W. In 1987, shoaling to an unknown depth was reported in the vicinity of Merrimack River Lighted Buoy 8.

The jetties extend from both points at the entrance out to the bar and are difficult to see at high water, particularly at night and in periods of low visibility. About 240 yards of the outer end of the north jetty is submerged at high water.

Anchorages.—Newburyport the usual and best anchorage is in the channel about 400 yards below the highway bridge, favoring the north side of the channel and keeping clear of the two charted cable areas. The current is reported to run strongest along the south shore here. The holding ground is good.

The yacht club maintains guest moorings as do many of the service facilities and marinas. Numerous private moorings are maintained off Newburyport and in the upper river as far as Haverhill. They are under control of the **harbormasters** at Newburyport, Amesbury, and Haverhill. Public floats are along the south side of the river at Newburyport, about 0.2 mile west of **Merrimack River Coast Guard Station**. In 1979, 8 feet was reported alongside the floats. Berthing is under the control of the Newburyport harbormaster.

Dangers.—Endangered North Atlantic right whales have been reported swimming in shallow waters off of Plum Island and Ipswich, MA.

U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Boston

Commander 1st CG District Boston, MA

(617) 223-8555

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Corrected through NM Sep. 19/09 Corrected through LNM Sep. 08/09

MERRIMACK RIVER

26 buoys mark the channel west of Salisbury Point.

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Positions of buoys in the Ipswich River are requently shifted with changing conditions and are not charted.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

The prudent mariner will not rely solely or y single aid to navigation, particularly on pating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light Lis Coast Pilot for details

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.333" northward and 1.812" eastward to agree with this chart.

NOTE B

The entrance channel into Plum Island Sound is subject to continual changes. Buoys 3, 4 and 6 are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position.

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-stances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

NOTE S

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Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners. During some winter months or when endan-

gered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

Fixed and floating obstructions, some submerged, may exist within the magenta tinted bridge construction area. Mariners are advised to proceed with caution.

RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

Table of Selected Chart Notes

NOAA WEATHER BADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts.
The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at

Boston, MA Concord, NH WXJ-40 162,400 MHz Essex Marine, MA WNG-574 Stratham, NH KZZ-40 162 425 MHz

Mercator Projection Scale 1:20,000 at Lat. 42°45'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial

broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution. Station positions are shown thus

NOTE D

Above buoy 30 the Parker River is marked with uncharted, seasonal, private aids. Due to shoaling the aids are frequently shifted to mark best water. Use only with local knowledge.

NOTE A

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Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S.

Coast Pilot 1. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning
the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 1st Coast Guard District in Boston, MA or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in

to charted regulation section numbers

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are. not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

COLREGS, 80.115 (see note A)

nternational Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Dema<mark>rcation Line</mark>

TIDAL INFORMATION PLACE Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW) Mean High Water Mean Higher High Water Mean (LAT/LONG) NAME Low Water feet 0.3 0.3 (42°49'N/70°52'W Plum Island Sound (south end) (42°43'N/70°47'W

Dashes (---) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levitide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov (Aug 2009)

NEWBURYPORT HARBOR CHANNEL DEPTHS

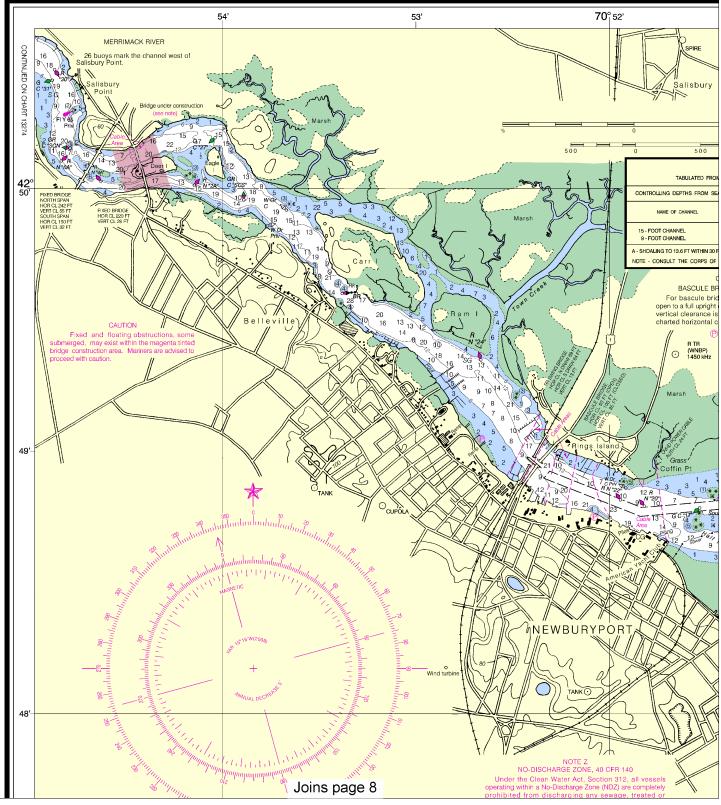
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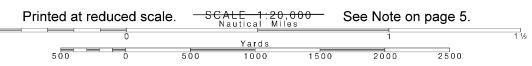
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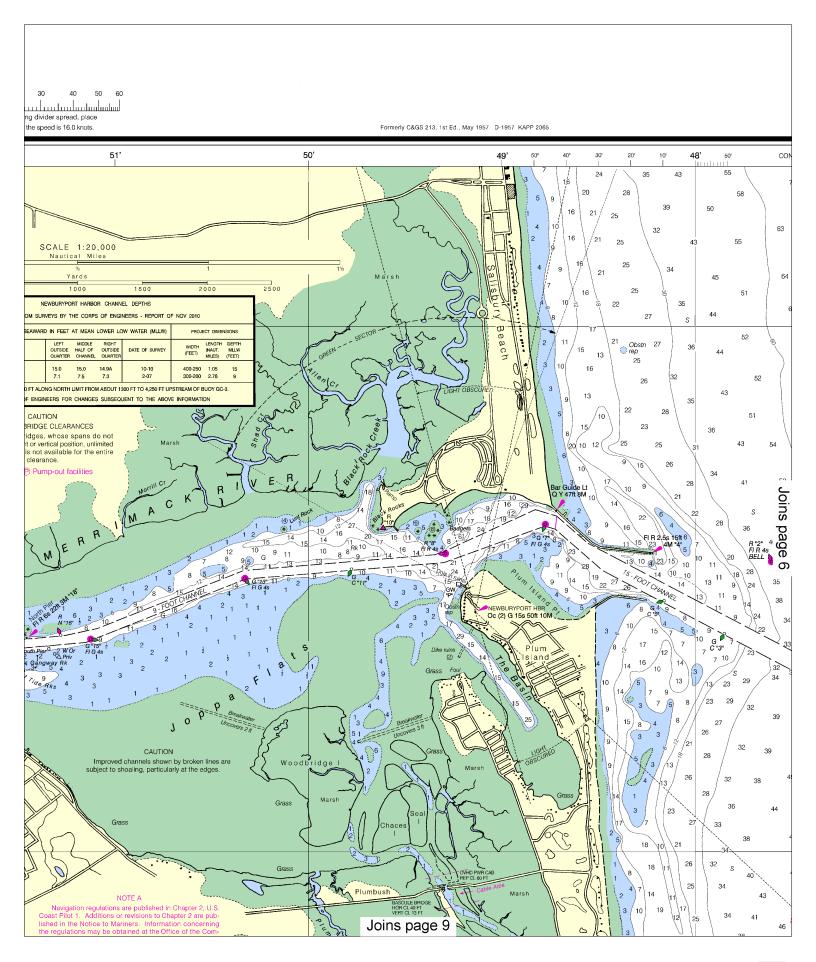
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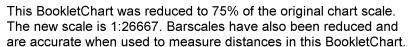




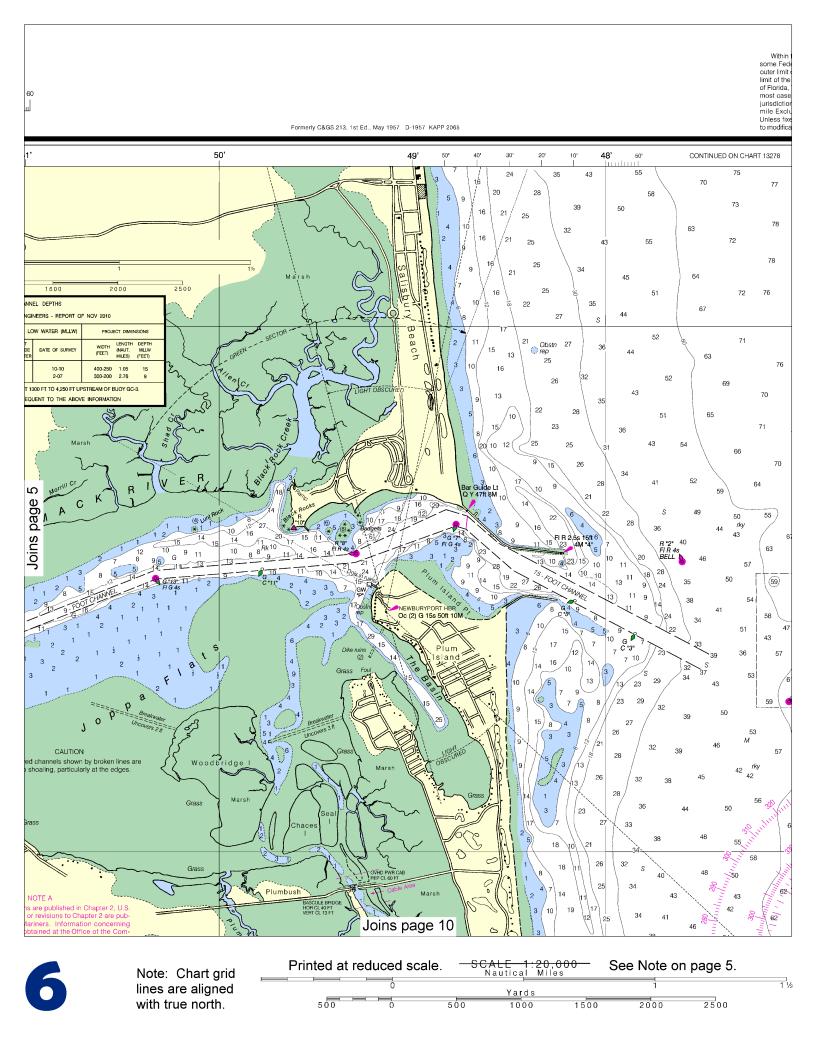








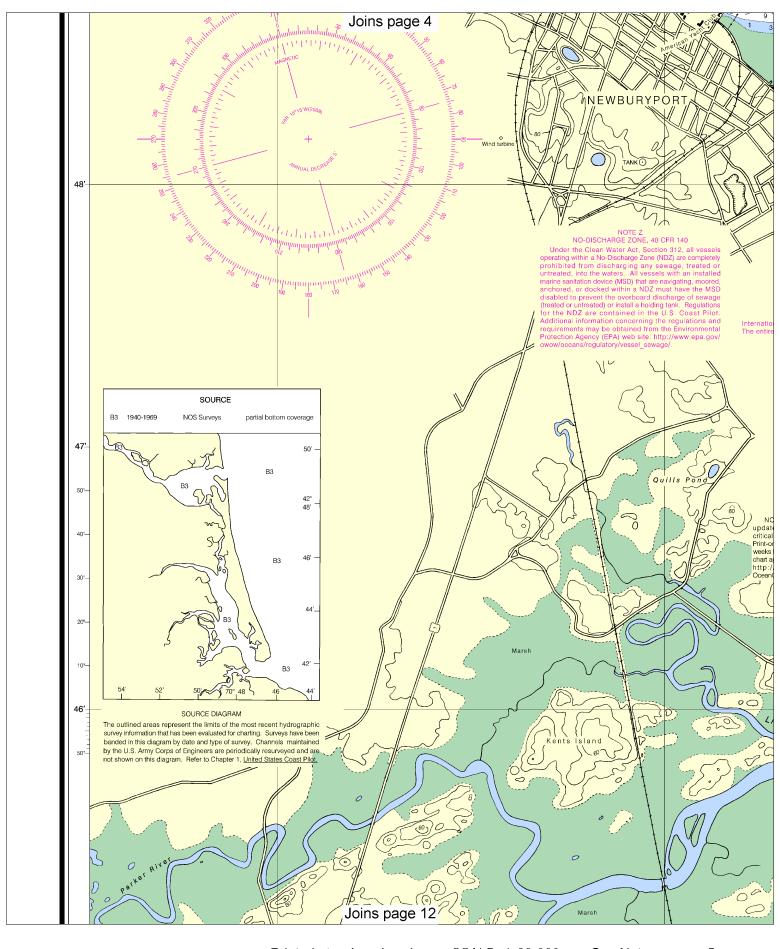




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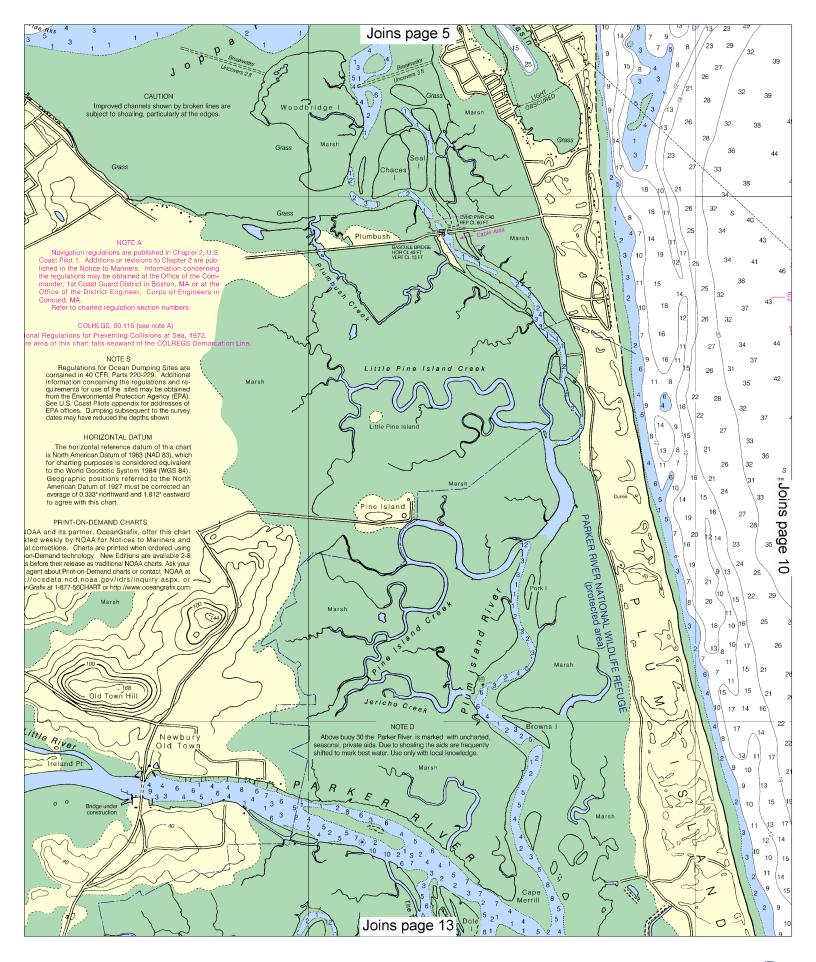
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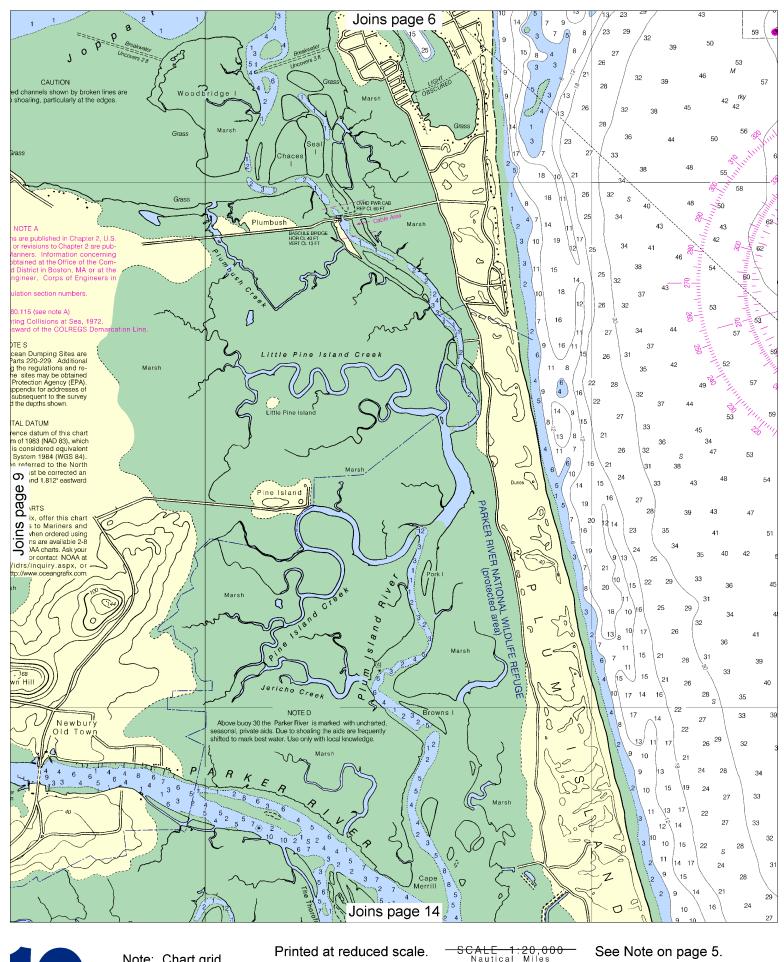
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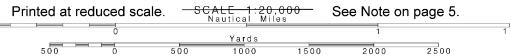


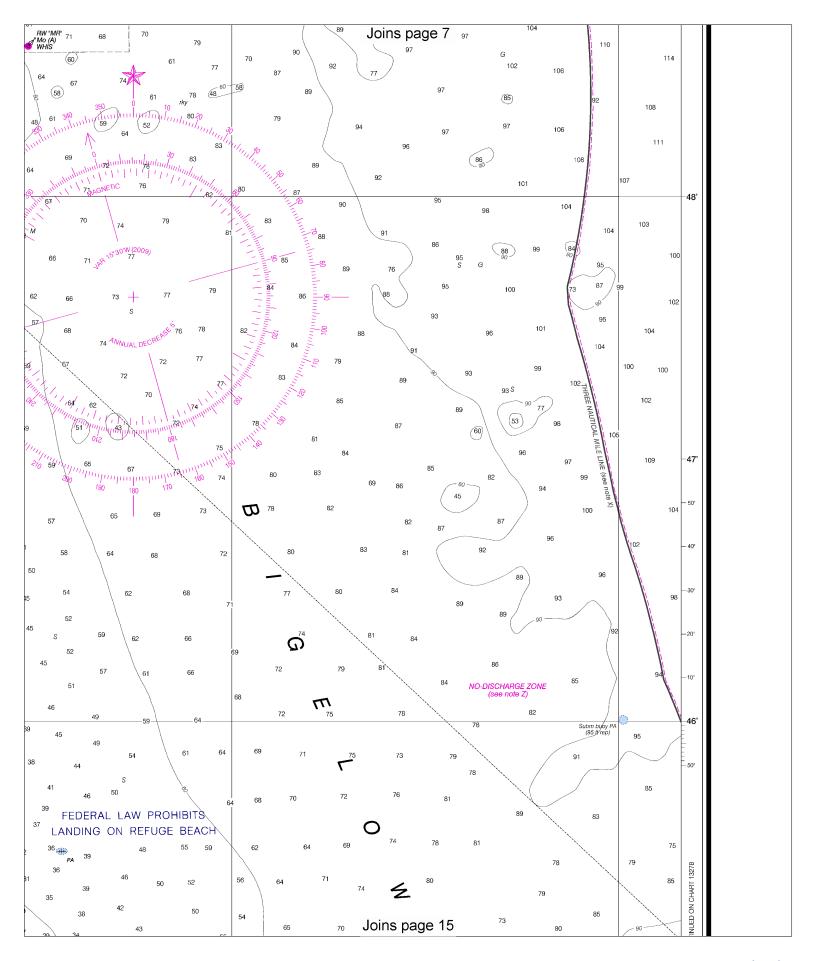


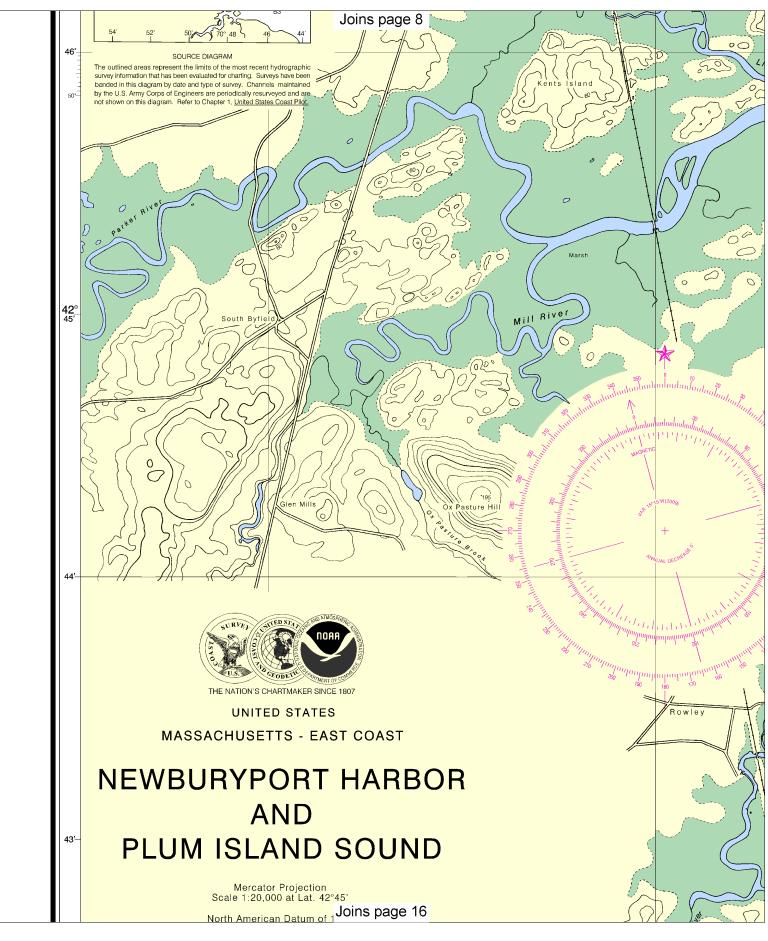




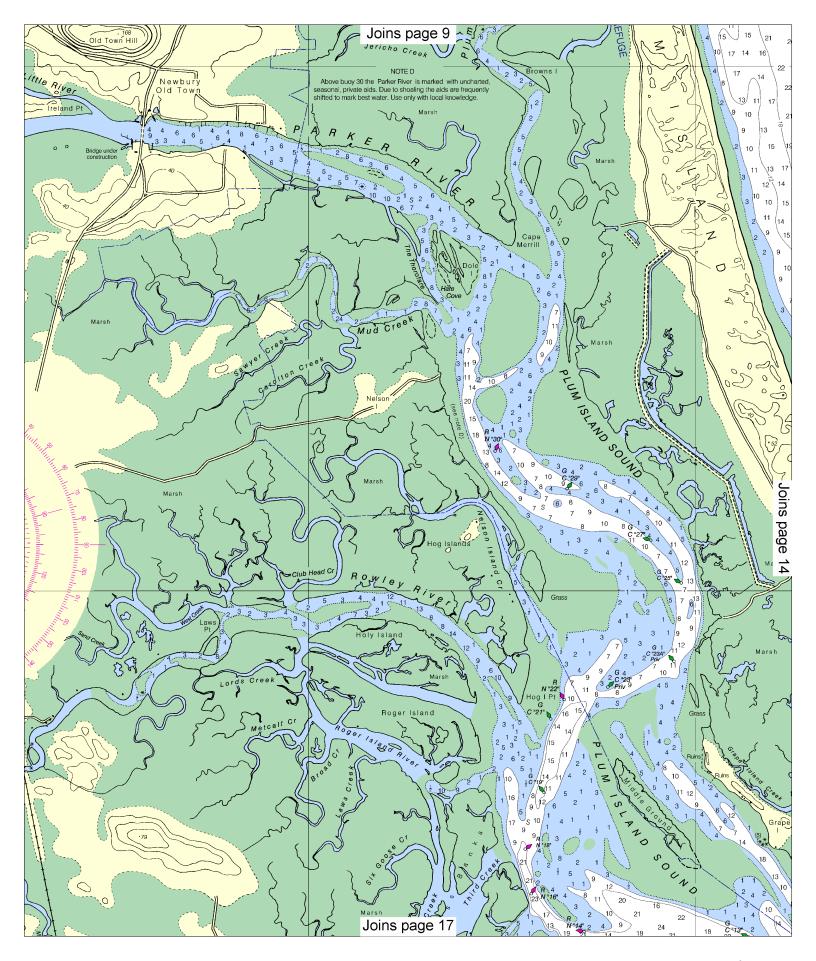


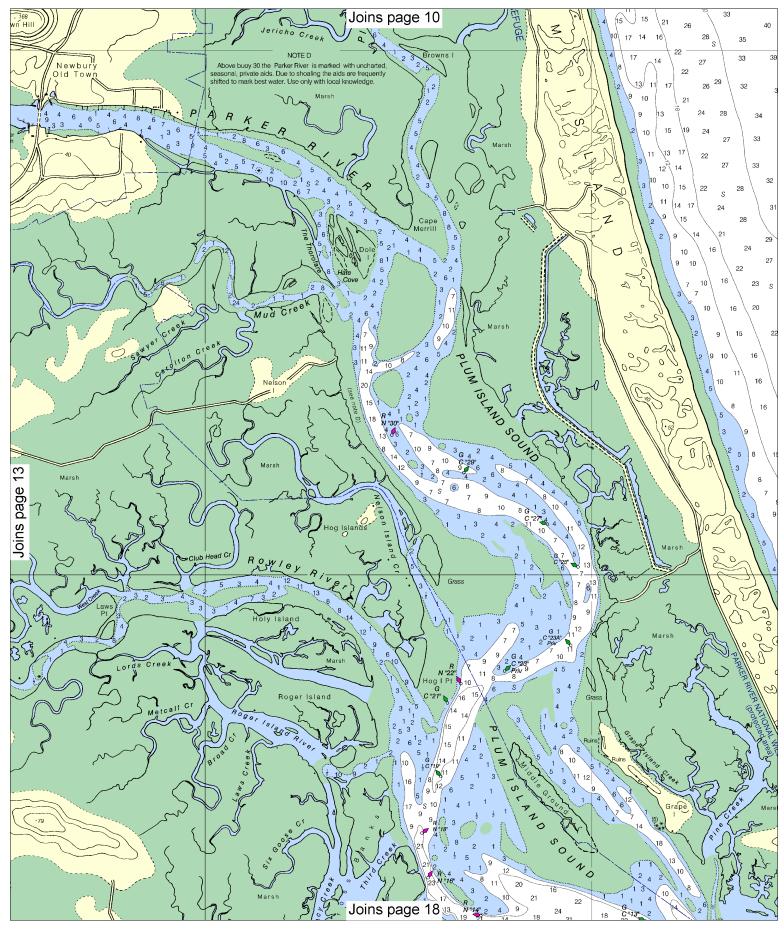


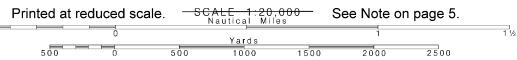


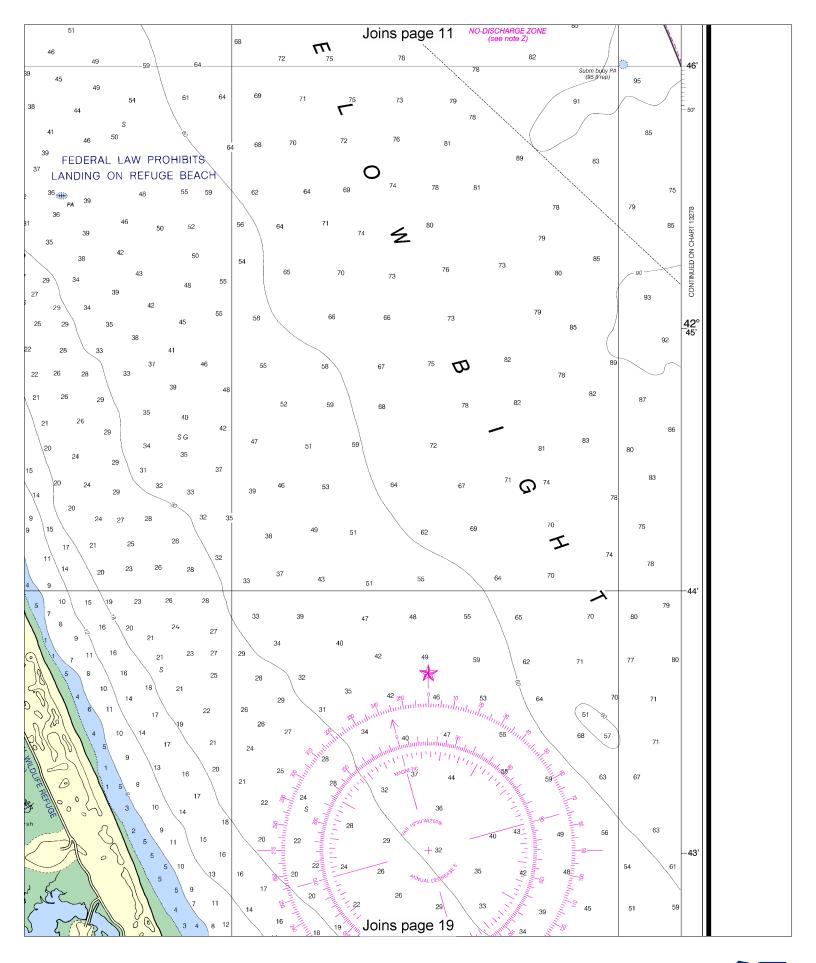


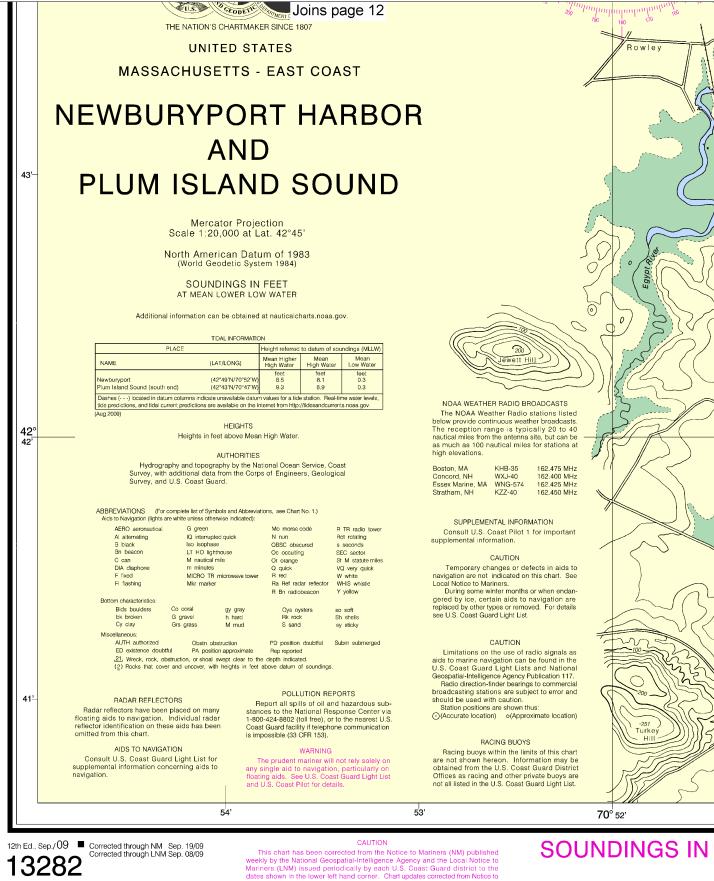




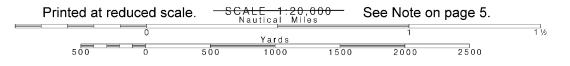


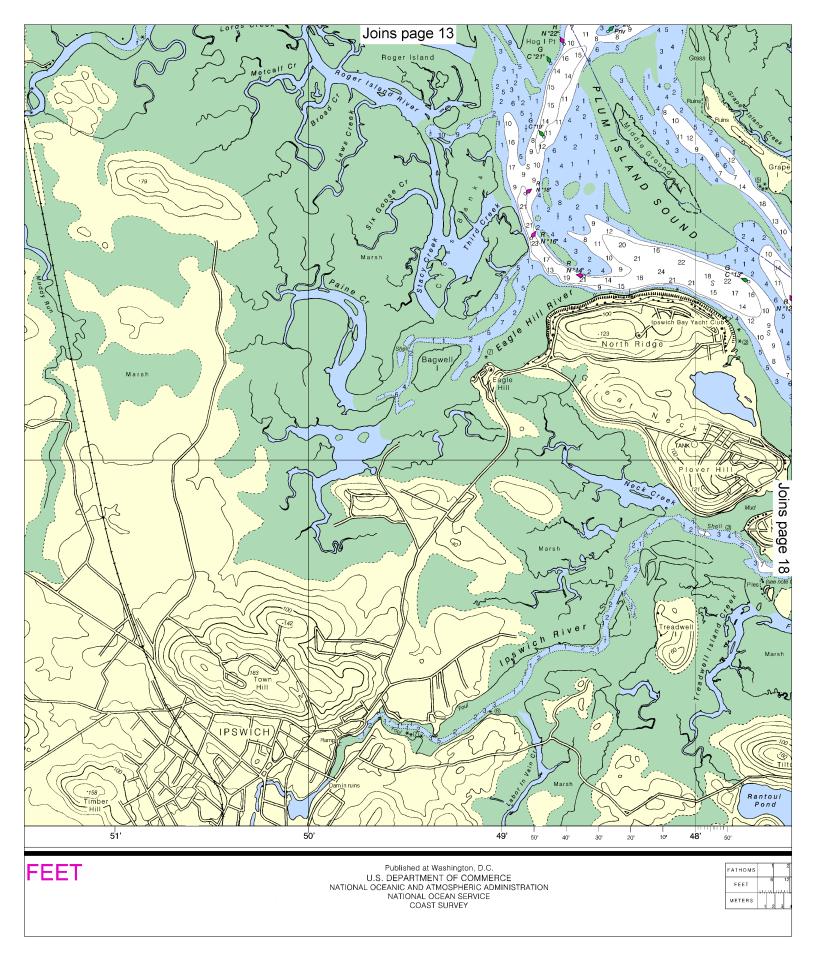


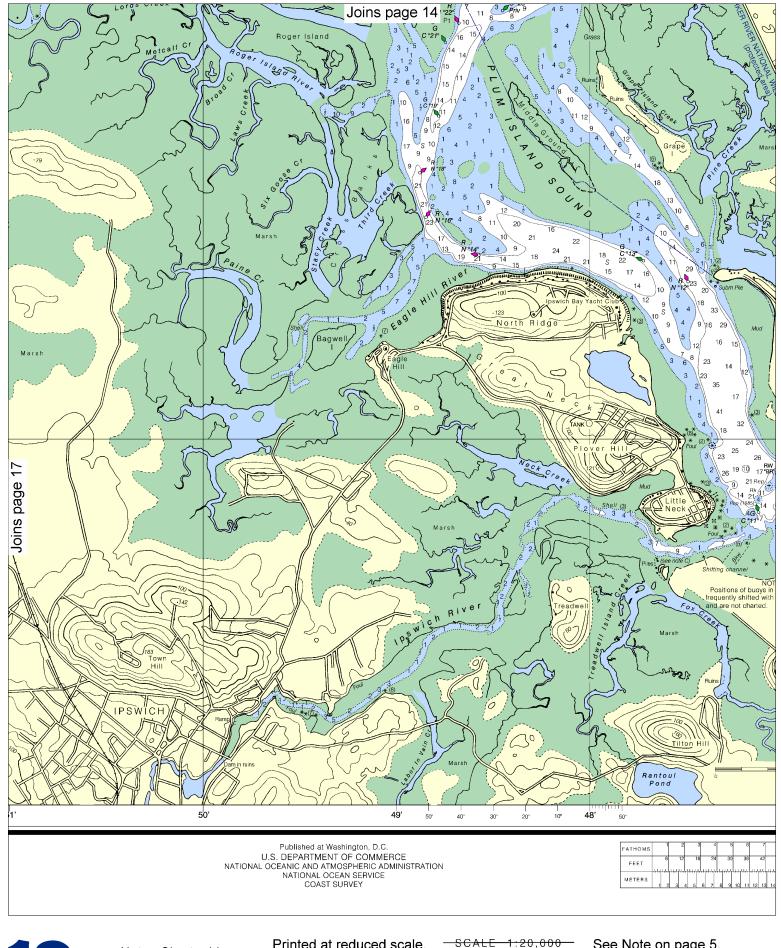


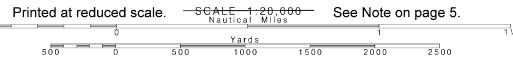


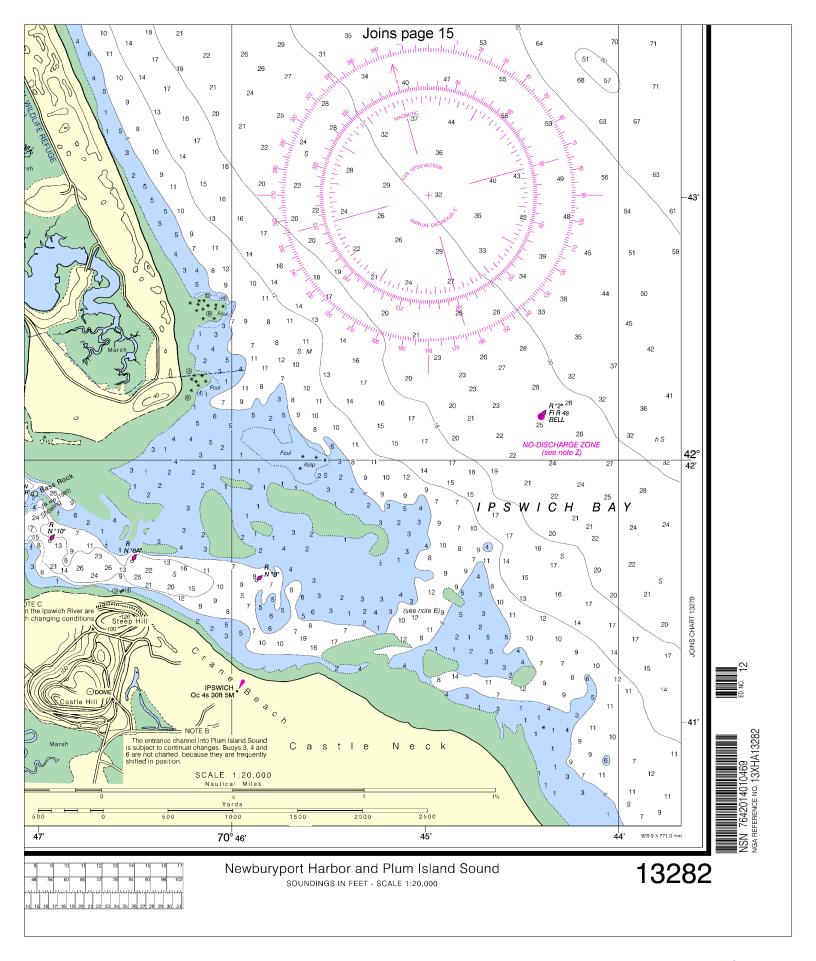
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VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Getting and Giving Help — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

Distress Call Procedures

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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